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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING MARCH 29

REF: A. LUSAKA 1051; B. STATE 80447; C. USUN 1008;
D. USUN 1046

1. CONTACT GROUP MET AM MARCH 29 TO DISCUSS TALKING POINTS
FOR SWAPO IN REFERENCE TO THE KAPUUNO ASSASSINATION AND FOR
SOUTH AFRICA ON THE SO-CALLED SWAPO "TAKEOVER PLAN". THE
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CG AGREED THAT SINCE NUJOMA HAD ALREADY MADE A PUBLIC
STATEMENT DENYING SWAPO INVOLVEMENT IN THE KILLING, IT
WOULD BE UNNECESSARY TO RAISE THE ISSUE DURING THE PRO-
POSAL PRESENTATION. THE ASSASSINATION ISSUE SHOULD NOT
RPT NOT BE RAISED WITH SWAPO.

2. "TAKEOVER PLAN": AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION OF THE SO-CALLED

SWAPO "TAKEOVER PLAN" (REFS C-D) THE UK FINALLY AGREED TO RESPOND TO THE MULTIPLE SOUTH AFRICAN APPROACHES TO THE FIVE ON THE MATTER. US DRAFTED TALKING POINTS (DATAFAXED TO DEPT ATTN: ESCUDERO IO/UNP) FOR USE WITH THE SAG TO WHICH THE CG AGREED, AD REFERENDUM, TO PRESENT TO SOUTH AFRICA. TEXT OF TALKING POINTS FOLLOWS PARA 5. THE CG AGREED TO LEAVE TIMING AND CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE DISCRETION OF THE FIVE AMBS FOR PRESENTING THE TALKING POINTS. HOWEVER, ALL AGREED THAT IT SHOULD BE DONE SOON.

3. THE CG AGREED, AD REFERENDUM, ON FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE: "WE HAVE CLARIFIED OUR PROPOSAL AND HAVE PRESENTED IT TO THE PARTIES AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. WE PLAN TO CONVEY OUR PROPOSAL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE NEAR FUTURE." THE CG WILL NOT ISSUE STATEMENT UNTIL AFTER THE PRESENTATION TO THE SYG ON MARCH 30.

4. THE BRITISH AND GERMANS REPORTED THAT THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE SENT MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE TO KAPUUNO'S FAMILY. IT WAS AGREED THAT NO SUCH MESSAGE WOULD BE SENT FROM THE FIVE AND THAT THE FIVE WOULD NOT ATTEND THE FUNERAL.

5. TEXT OF TALKING POINTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA ON SWAPO "TAKE-OVER PLAN" FOLLOWS:

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1. ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS IN RECENT WEEKS, YOU HAVE CALLED TO OUR ATTENTION STATEMENTS OR DOCUMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO SWAPO. MOREOVER, IN THE PUBLIC MEDIA, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAVE DIRECTLY REFERRED TO THESE EVENTS.

2. WE HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO RESPOND EITHER PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY:

- (A) WE DO NOT KNOW THE CONTEXT NOR THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE STATEMENTS, AND IN ANY EVENT IT IS NOT OUR TASK TO DEFEND SWAPO OR ANY OTHER GROUP;

- (B) A READING EQUALLY PLAUSIBLE TO THOSE YOU HAVE MADE IS THAT THE STATEMENTS ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO THE CURRENT SITUATION OR TO A SITUATION WHICH WOULD EXIST IF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FOLLOWED A COURSE OTHER THAN ONE BASED ON AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT;

- (C) WE OURSELVES FAVOR PEACEFUL MEANS TOWARD THE SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN ISSUE. IN THE ABSENCE OF A SETTLEMENT CONTINUED AND INCREASED VIOLENCE IS LIKELY.

- (D) OUR OWN DISCUSSIONS WITH SWAPO, AS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ARE FIRMLY BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND THE PROPOSAL WHICH WE HAVE MADE FOR ITS PEACEFUL IMPLEMENTATION. THOSE PROVISIONS CALL FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN WHICH ALL NAMIBIANS PARTICIPATE. SWAPO CONTINUES TO ACCEPT THAT RESOLUTION BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY.

- (E) FINALLY, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREEMENT, YOU AND SWAPO WILL CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE ACCUSATIONS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PUBLIC EXCHANGES OF THIS NATURE CONTRIBUTE TO AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO AN AGREEMENT OR TO EASY COOPERATION AMONG

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NAMIBIANS SHOULD AN AGREEMENT BE REACHED. FURTHERMORE, WE

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